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Chapter 9: Atoli's World

The Morganna Factors...
...were salvaged from the bottom...
of this sea of data.

They've existed in The World since its beginning.
Who created them?
Autonomously?
So...they were produced by The World itself?
That's right.

It's like some sort of Fantasy, isn't it?
The World is just so...
They say...
..there used to be a statue of a girl here
So the AIDA...
...are the devils of this world?

Are you trying to find God?
Hee hee.
.....
Let's see...
Hey, somewhere in this game, is there ..
..some kind of legendary weapon that a goddess might've left behind?
Doesn't that describe the Epitaph Users?
Divine power put in human form...
and placed within PCs.

I thought you were only interested in your own power.
Anyway, why do you ask?
.....
I know now that defeating Tri-Edge...
...won't bring back the Lost Ones.

The mysteries behind The World...
...is the power of the Epitaphs the key to it all?
You've gotten wiser.
beep
Ovan...

Is that what you were searching for?
What all of us in the Brigade were searching for?
The Key of the Twilight?
I see some-thing.
!

tap
I'm transferring all players' PC data from this AIDA server back to CC Corp.'s server
!
This is the Operations Folder?
Hold on!
What about Atoli—
that PC who went Lost?

Pi!
.....
Wait...!
Trans-mission com-mand.
We'll just have to deal with that situation later.
Execute.
flash
!
.....
Damn you...

Wha--
What's going on?!
.....
There was a trace on the command!
!
This was all a trap?!

Ugh!
Some-thing's...
...coming.
.....
A gate-keeper...
!
Zap
There's nothing I can—!

Aaah!
zzap
Pi!
!

What the hell is going on?!

creep
……?!

...A—
Atoli...?

Ah...
...
Gah.
crutche
Shud
Gaaah!
.....

Aaah!
slice
That hurts!
!
Well then...
So, you've become an AIOA-PC.
...I won't hold back.

Skeith!
What is it that you lost?
Or maybe a cat?
A pet bird?

Gaaah!
What did the AIDA show you?
.....
Give it a rest.
Quiet down, you dumb brat.
That nightmare of yours...

flap
?!
...I'll pull it out by the roots!
With the power of my Avatar...

rustle
rush
thud
thud
Ugh!

Grrr...
This is bad!
I can't breathe...
rrip
rrip

!!
She's going to eat me?!
Won't let you go.
Here...
Sakaki-san...
Hasegawa-san...
everyone...

Everyone will be inside me!
Skeith!

I tried so hard.

...no one would even look at me!

SUICIDE HOTLINE
I tried and tried, as hard as I could.

But no matter what I did...

...they just used me for their own selfish reasons!
They all took advantage of me.
My friends..
even my parents..
I was all alone.
They used me until there was nothing left to use.
No one tried to understand my feelings.

...has nothing to do with me...
That...
You all stole my life from me!

don't look away.
Haseo...
The very sight of you irritates me.
drip
drip

It hurts.
You're the same...
...as me.
You were abandoned just like I was.

For Endrance it was his cat
But what you lost...
...was your very self.
This monster is your heart.
It's part of you...
...but you didn't choose this emptiness in your heart...
...and this AIDA reflected that emptiness inside you.

Because I know...
I won't tell you to keep trying.
...trying is what hurts you the most.

Haseo-san...!

I wanted to save Shino.

For six months...
...I've put aside everything in order to find her.
I think I understand a little bit.
You really...
I saw your memories, too.
...saved me.

...For the first time...
So I guess...
...I was actually able to help someone...?

..the AIDA used Atoli's trauma to take control of her.
Just as Endrance was manipulated by his cat.
Endrance became a lover to his AIDA.
And Atoli a prisoner to hers.
..drew in not only Atoli's mind, but ose of other players.
Its craving to be desired by others...
This AIDA server used Atoli's heart as a model.
Contact with an Avatar caused her memories to form into images

It trapped us in Atoli's world?
With the gate-keeper gone...
... it seems the transmission command is finally being execut-ed...

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Things Fall Apart
.....
Hey..
..are you there, back in the real world?
Yeah.
.....
I just don't get it...

Players have regained consciousness in the real world
It looks like the transmission was a success
Waaah!
!!
So, is that Atoli?
Urgh!

Thank goodness!
.....
We're back!
All right!
A town...
I guess.
Where... are we?
My brain's all fuzzy...
Ugh.

How long were we in the AIDA server?
Pi.
Well...
..about 12 hours, I'd say.
?
Then why is it...
...that no time has passed in the real world?
...Haseo saved you...
So...
...did he?
Yes, he did!

The AIDA phenomenon...
It seems it can't just be written off as a "matter of perception."
.....
I have to report this to Yata-sama.
Mo?
He's right!
What?!
The time Sakaki-san gave for us to meet at Morrigu Barrow...
...was only a few minutes ago.
All of this...
...lasted only a few minutes in the real world?!

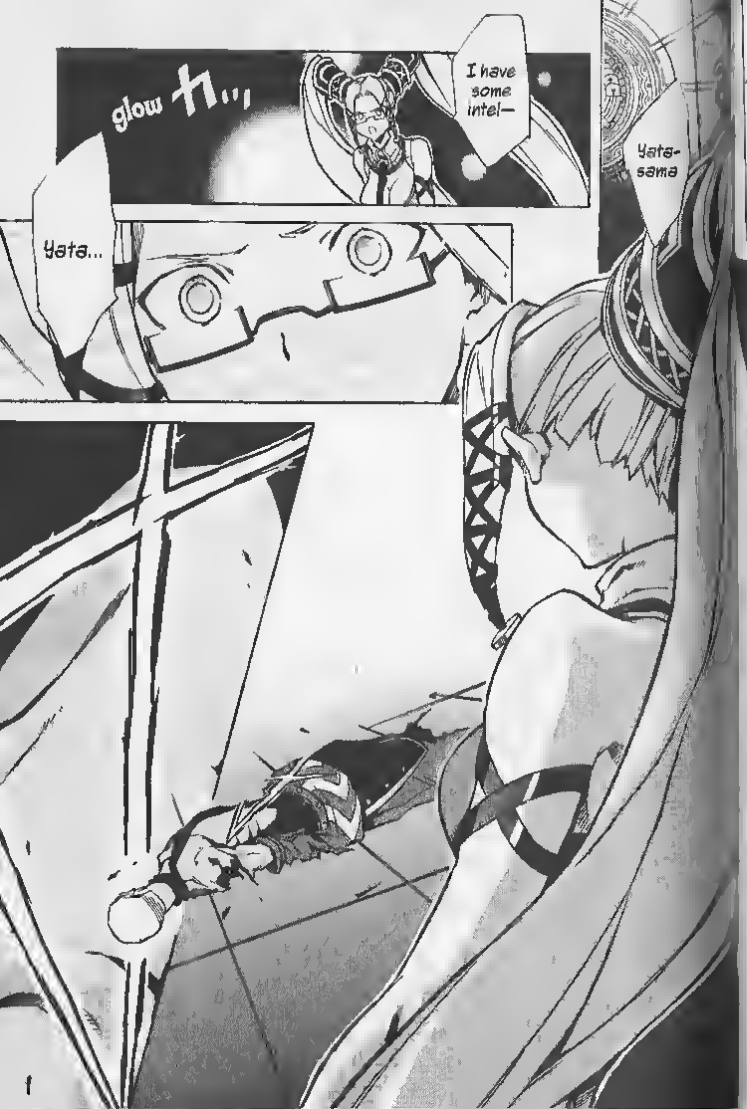
All of us...
...have our own unique circum-stances.
Right?
So...
...don't worry about it.
All right.
.....
.....
Haseo-san...
What is it now?
Ah!
Umm .. Err. .
And.. I've just been...
Atoli.
You've been fighting all this time to save Shino-san...
...your friend who's in a coma, isn't that right?

Someone!
bam
Help us!
?!
Help us, please!
Kuhn-san—!

So tell me.
Who transformed you into that AIDA thing?
I don't know.
Something...
...attacked me from the wall.
I can't remember anything after that...

That's...
...Tri-Edge's Sign!
Hey!
Was it Tri-Edge?!
...a Twin Blade with a three-pronged weapon?!
Was the one who did this to Kuhn..

Canard Guild @HOME
Oh no!
Kuhn—!
Waaah!
Say something!
Master really is dead!


glow
I have some intel—
Yata-sama
Yata...

It just suddenly came out of the wall...
?!
It was some kind of monster!
No!
I've never seen a monster like that before!
.....

...now we should be able to return to the real world.
What's this?
.....?!
How troublesome
Breaking through all the layers of security protecting the Serpent of Lore is no easy task.
Tri-Edge!
Aaaa-h!
Aaah...!
Ah...
collapse
Who could've done this to Yata-sama?!

...that will trigger the divine Rebirth.
I seek the truth of The World.
I'm searching for the Key...
.....
Searching for the truth...?
So why?!
You're loved by Aura!
You're loved even by the AIDA!
The moment the transmission executed was my only chance
I've been waiting for the opportunity...
...to take the Morganna Factor from inside the PC you've kept here in seclusion
Wait...
Then you...
Why?!
.....
What is so important that you would even put people into comas?!
Why are you gathering the Epitaphs?!

I love The World more than anyone else.
I wanted to learn so much, but I was not chosen..
...For this world does not love me...
However...
.. you don't have what it takes to fight me.
That's what limits you—
that pure lust for knowledge.
That, too, is one reason to seek the truth.
Why?!
Because you don't know how to love.
bam
Why wasn't I—?!
You stubborn brat.

How dare you do this to Yata-sama?!
That man...
..Is Tri-Edge?!
It looks like you've realized one truth ..
Damn you--!
...Pi.

SLASH
You have what it takes.
...and to make decisions.
Your ability to understand...
...?!
I always considered you to be the most valuable member of G.U.

Our Fellow Epitaph Users like Endrance and Kuhn have fallen before me.
Huh?
Have you yet figured out the reason why?

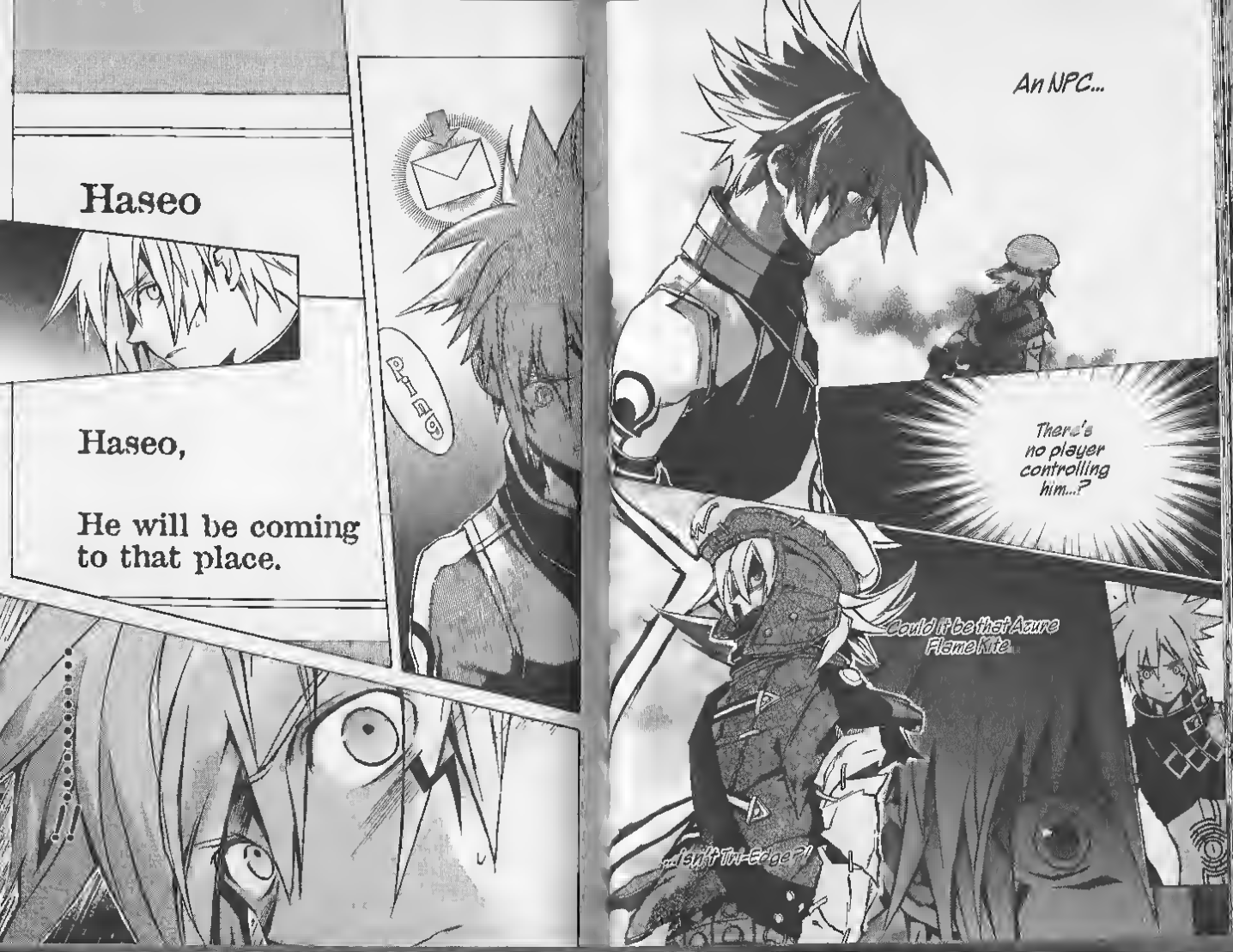
...the barrier around your mind won't break
Despite my hacking abilities...

I thought I told you to shut up.
Let's use our Avatars...
...and have ourselves a peek...
Reiko Saeki-kun.
Why would such a talented woman stay with a spoiled brat like Yata?

Quit fooling around!
...
...at each other's secrets, shall we?

His left arm...
...it's...
What—

Back then, when I beat Azure Flame Kite with my Avatar...
I saw nothing in his memories but a white void.
Your Epitaph...
...and your life are now mine.


Haseo
Haseo,
He will be coming to that place.
An NPC...
There's no player controlling him...?
Could it be that Azure Flame Kite...
...Isn't it Twin-Edge?!

Where are you going?
I'll find the truth...
...and take back everything else he's stolen!
To finish things.
Take care of these two, will you?
Haseo-san...?
What?
Things like this are what Moon Tree is for, right?

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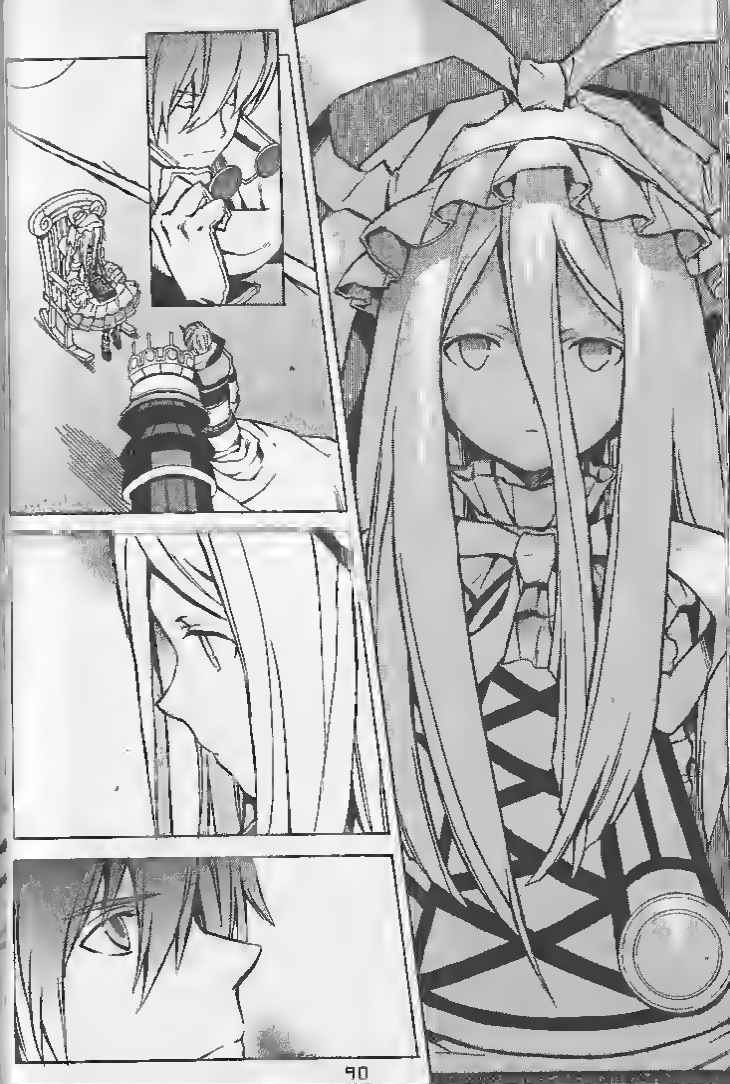
What song must I play, my Sleeping Beauty, to get you to open your eyes?
Aina.



Your wound runs too deep.
...I can't save you with only a Data Drain.
As I am now...
throb

flash
zing
zing

Shino.
Give me the final courage I need.
I have to.
overcome my human limitations.
Gaaaah!
!
.....
...I'm out of time.
Huff...

Chapter 11 Aina
This story began here, in the presence of God.
And here I am once again.
Beyond these doors...
...lies the truth I've been searching for.
.....

So, you've finally made it.
thud
Tri-Edge!
whack

..I did get rid of a pest in the meantime.
Well...
What?
Took you long enough.
Ovan!
I was getting tired of waiting

bang
That thing is nothing more than a program
Even if destroyed, it will simply repair itself.
It seems the goddess of The World is rather fond of fairy tales.
It's an autonomous maintenance AI keeping watch over The World.

The pursuer...
...was actually interested in me.
But that's—!
.....!
Huh...?
To think she would use the former hero's character model for an NPC...
Azure Flame Kite, hmm?

It's been just like a detective novel for you, hasn't it, Haseo?
Yeah.
But I was wrong about one thing.
Tri-Edge...
And here is the truth behind the Signs I left...
...was me all along.
The mysterious PK known as Tri-Edge put Shino into a coma
Therefore, Tri-Edge must be an AIDA-PC.
...he's a knight that protects the system that is the goddess Aura.
You could say...
Was he after you...
because you exist beyond the established protocols of The World?
That's right.
Because I too possess an Artificially Intelligent Data Anomaly.

Well...
Shouldn't there only be four?
Kuhn was a lamb who strayed from the flock.
Yata drowned in the well of his own thoughts.
Pi failed to reach her resolution and thus fell.
And the first one I caught...
...was Shino, six months ago.
You even got the others at G.U.?!

Flash
What the..?
They're Morganna Factors.
Are those the heads of Avatars?!

You're just like a wild animal.
Why did you hurt Shino?
What sort of maniac have you become?!
Is this the truth you've been searching for?

Guh
Why?!
!
Why Shino?!
thwack

screech
You can't win against me, Haseo.
No more screwing around!
!!!
I'm taking you down!
whak

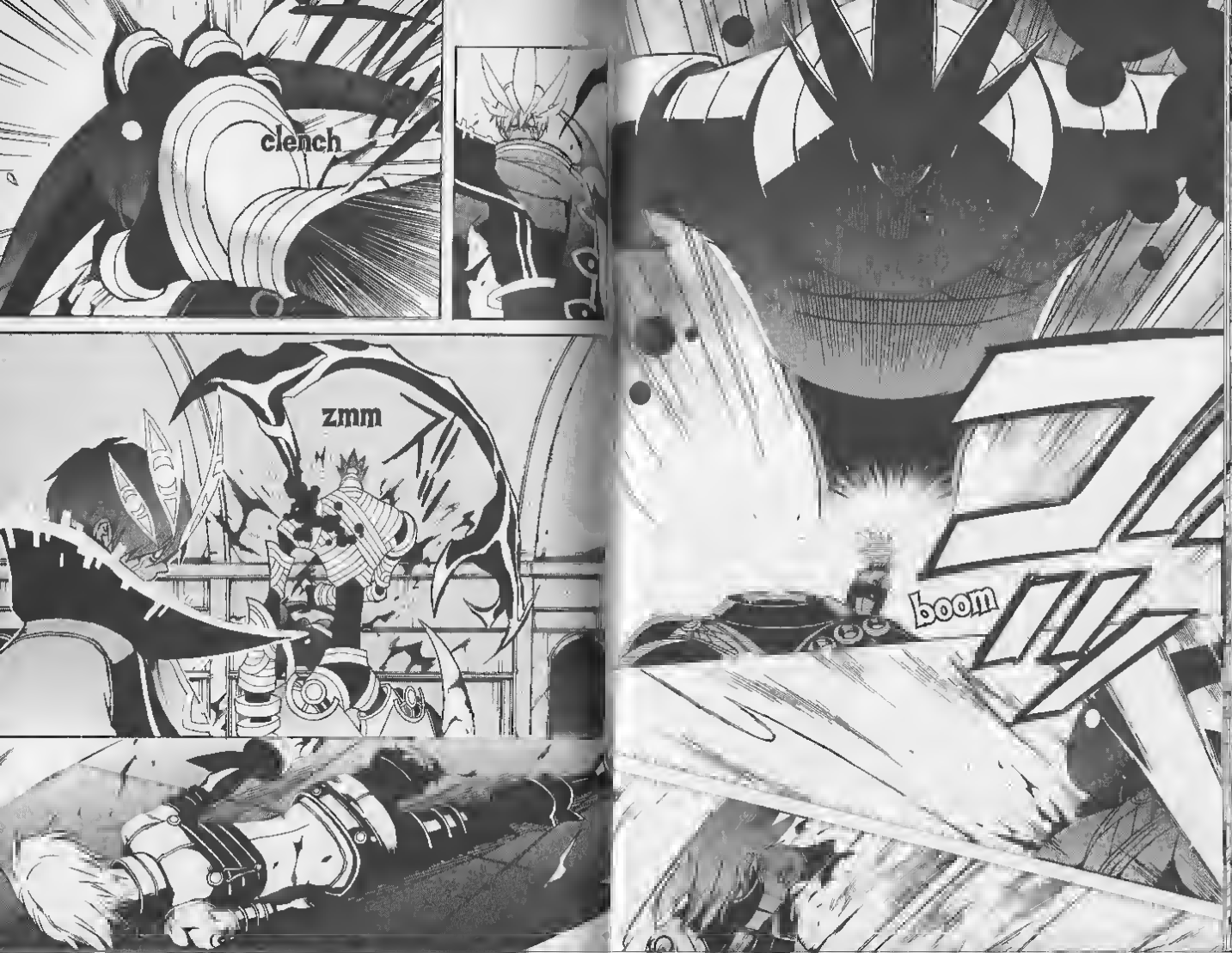
I'm not the same as I used to be!
Don't get the wrong idea
My power—!
"Terror of Death"!
this power of yours...
Why don't you show me...
Are you all bark and no bite?

You can control the AIDA?!
You've got the wrong idea.
The AIDA and I simply understand each other
And that's how I...
It's a rather precarious friendship.

Aaaaah!
bam
Skeeeith!
Take this!
splatter

...and the others at G.U. not enough for you?
Were Shino...
Aaah!
Aaaaah!
Come. Present an offering of despair..
...to the god of death inside you.

splash
!
bam
Ah—!
Ugh.


clench
zmm
boom

...?
You had it all...
You were strong.
Clearheaded.
Mature.
You spoke openly of your dreams
You had everything I always wanted.
I looked up to you.
Choke down all your joy and sadness.
Use them as stepping stones..
Become stronger, Haseo.
...Shi...no...
...and defeat me!

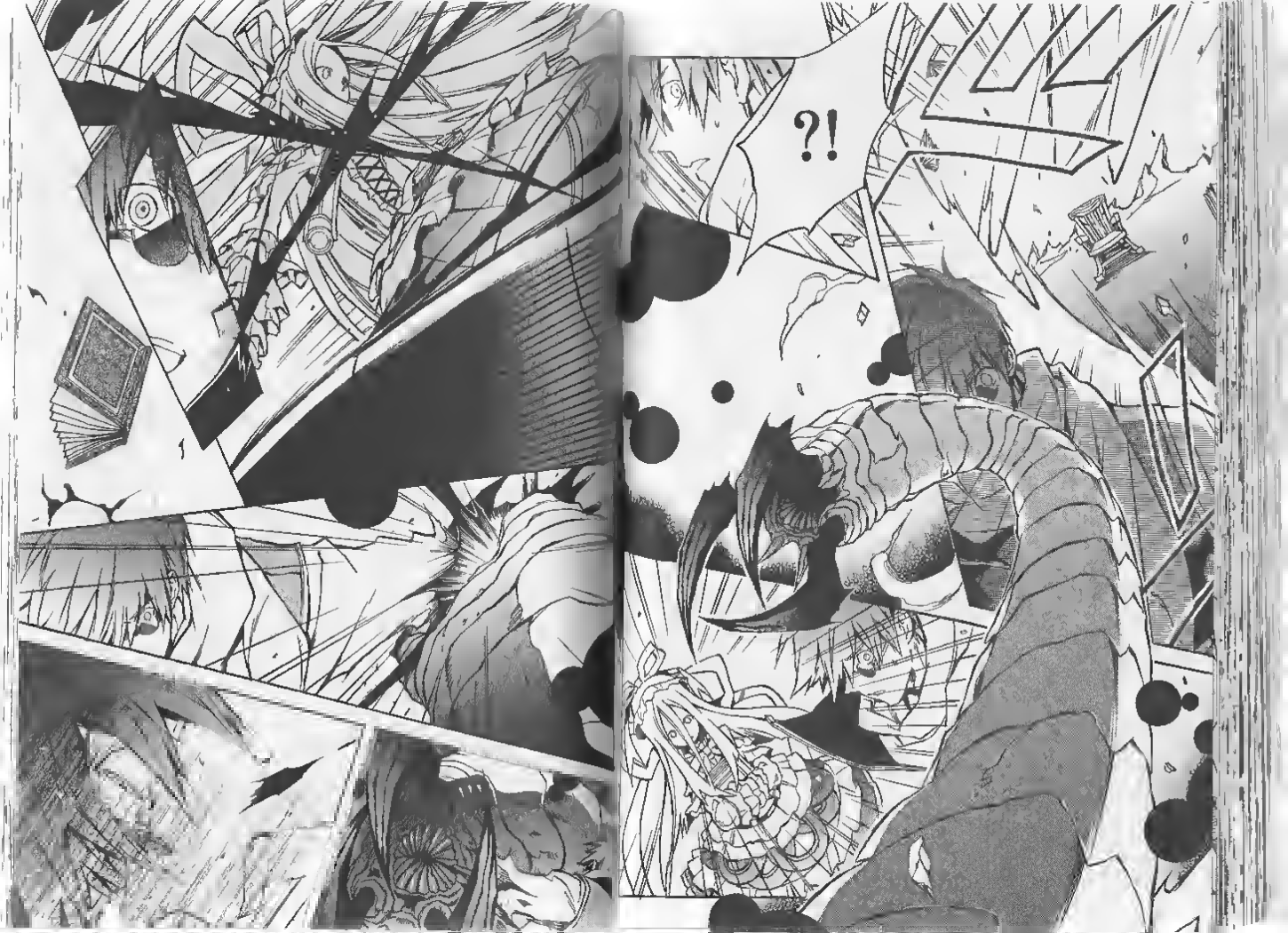
I'll never hand her over...
...to a monster like you.
So...you were jealous of me?
So then why--?
Why did you do that to Shino?

...matters more to me than Shino!
Shino is mine!
Nothing in this world...

No, this is reality.
This room
..holds the contents of the black box that was left behind in The World.
"Black box"...
..you mean the one for the Epitaphs?!
creak
What is this place?
creak
creak
creak
This is.
creak
Am I inside Ovan's memories?
!
...

Before the Brigade was formed...
He's the original creator of The World.
Harold!
I'm probably the first person to locate this area.
The first person to find this black box.
This is the birthplace of the Morganna Factors and all other data in The World.
Even Yata with his Serpent of Lore was never able to locate this area.

This area tells the story of the making of a god.
It's packed with all the wisdom of The World.
The Epitaph of Twilight...
I love this story!
You see, the author, Emma Wieland—
It was never finished.
Where's the rest?
But it ends so abruptly.
The World was created using that story as a base.
Don't worry. We can meet here in The World anytime
Aina ..
I'm sorry for ever making you feel lonely.
It'll be a secret spot just for the two of us, right?



Aina.
The origin, reality...
. and end of all truths.
She's the only thing here that's real.
Victim Zero, of whom even Yata was unaware.
Aina was the first Lost One.
.....!
She became a Lost One even before Shiro?!
What did you just show me?
.....!
Who is this girl?

As far as I'm concerned...
The goddess Aura, the AIDA demons, The World.
None of it matters to me.
...it can all go to hell!
Then what are you here for?
To save Shino.
To save the Lost Ones.
Everything I need to do is right here.
...
It was probably because I was an Epitaph User that I was spared from a coma—
but the emotional shock caused my Avatar to awaken.
This Tri-Edge AIDA here devoured her mind.
It infected me immediately afterward.
It seems this AIDA is interested in me.
We've begun a strange kind of symbiosis.
I continued my research...
...into these two powers, the AIDA and the Epitaph, within this Ovan PC...
And I—
Spare me the speech!

.....
...The World's been run by its own AI this whole time...?
Hol on...
...are you say-ing...
It's not as simple as that.
Both were needed to create the end result.
Man created God. And in turn, God took care of Man.
Man prayed, and God provided.
That's how stories go. Or rather, how they're supposed to...

I always liked that simplicity of yours
I researched what Harald left behind here in this black box.
All in pursuit of the autonomous ultimate AI who governs The World.
The goddess Aura
I intended...
to make use of her power in order to drive out the viral AIDA.
"Ultimate AI"..?
The World's very autonomy itself?

Your sister?!
!
It was a journey with no clear path.
Where there's a will, there's a way.
But our journey hit a dead end.
And so, I created the Twilight Brigade.
But Aura had already sealed herself away...
..leaving behind, adrift in the online sea, only the eight Epitaphs among which she had divided her power
You were gathering candidates to use the Morganna Factors?
It was a necessary part of the process.
I needed comrades on my journey ..
...to find Aura and to save my little sister.

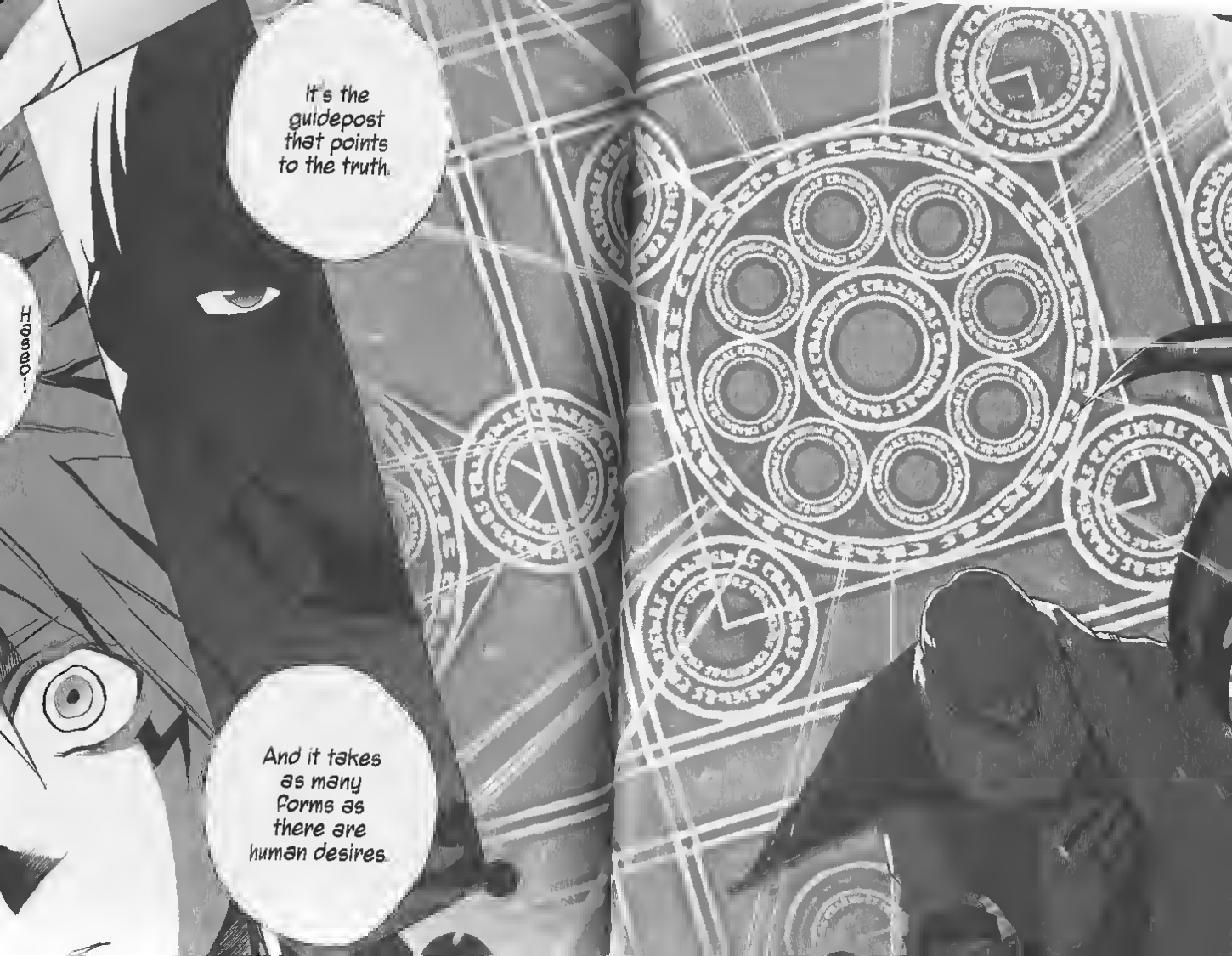
Heh...
Oven...
It was all to save your dear little sister, huh?
?
What?
...is your sister really a Lost One?
Do you even have a sister in the real world?

And I...
...I fell into despair.
I decided to collect the eight Epitaphs myself...
...in order to resurrect Aura.

It shows you exactly what you want to see.
It toys with you.
And in the end, it takes everything from you.
So let's find out...
Stop it—!
...if she's real...
Are you saying that Aina..
...is just an illusion the AIDA is showing me?
That's right.
Just like...
!!
...what happened with Endrance and his cat
It can't be...

...or if she's a fake!
stab

I've found the Key of the Twilight.
Finally...
Together, they're seven of the Phases' Epitaphs.
Innis, "The Mirage of Deceit."
Magus, "The Propagation."
Tarvos, "The Avenger"
Macha, "The Temptress."
Fidchell, "The Prophet."
Gorre, "The Machinator."
And I, Corbenik, "The Rebirth."
Good.
?


It's the guidepost that points to the truth.
Hmmm...
And it takes as many forms as there are human desires.

The world will be renewed.
The Rebirth of Aura's power...
...has been put into motion.
Ov—
You are the Key of the Twilight I've been searching for.
Didn't you know?
Even people betray others and throw them away once they've exhausted their usefulness.
I used you for your curiosity about people and the Epitaphs
Sorry, AIDA.
Grrrr...

...Aina.
Ovan—!
This is the song for your awakening...

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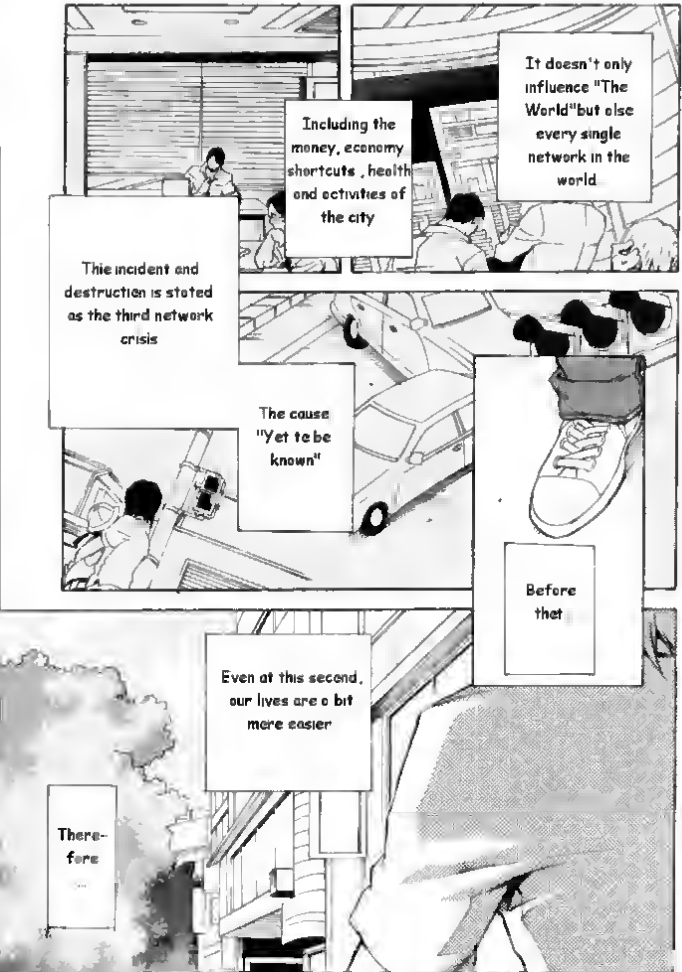

It doesn't only influence "The World"but else every single network in the world
Including the money, economy shortcuts , health and activities of the city
Thie incident and destruction is stated as the third network crisis
The cause "Yet to be known"
Before that
Even at this second, our lives are a bit more easier
There-fore ...

Shino
The weather's still hot, huh?

Wah, the cake is so delicious!
So eat till you're full, okay?
It's a real sensation, huh?
.....
I'm dead... I was in a coma for a year!
I have to stay back for another year for my studies
Ah, scaaaary!
Sigh
Woah! Just like an old man!

*Ryou: Misaki Mayu's real name
It's been long since I wanted to meet you
Haseo... *Ryou and I
And then the three of us with Ovan
Ovan
The truth behind the strength of "Carbenik"
Is a mystery left by Harald
In other words, an activation program

The one that really proved to be similer to the key's movements is the "Terror Of Death"
I am collecting the factors from the 8 phases
My strength
It's fectors
Is that the reason you asked me to become stronger ?
:
You heve to be stronger by yourself
But!

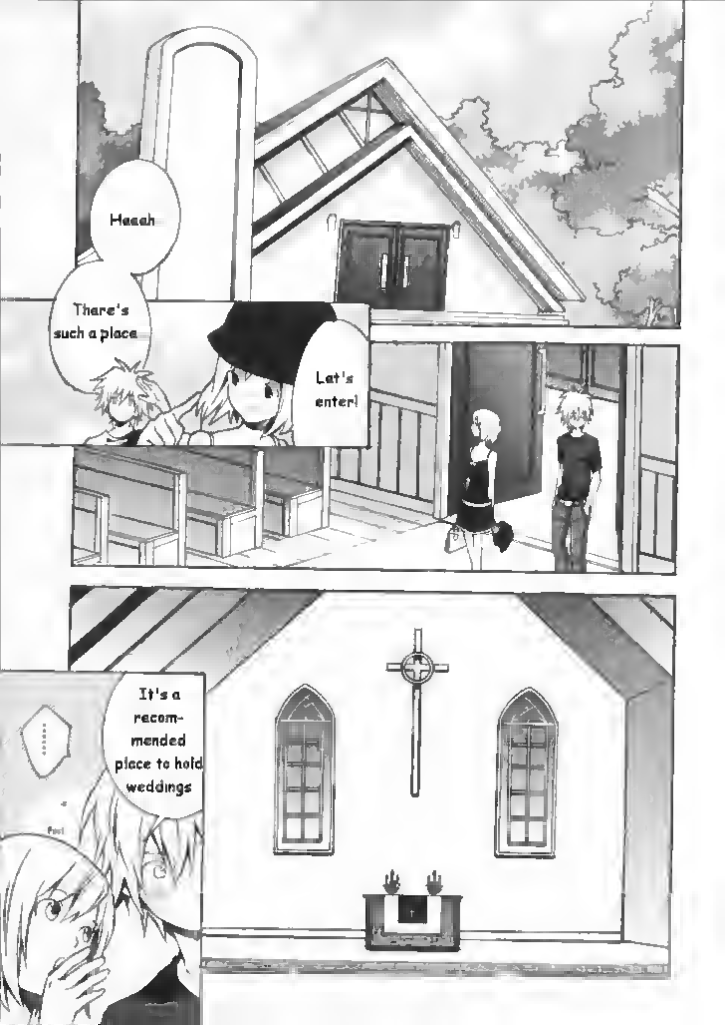
Even if my body is destroyed piece by piece along with my name
It's true It's a game
But I believe the game enough
Huh!
Why didn't you just ask for help?
From GU?
I don't want my sister to be Yeta's rabbit
.....
Why ?
Why won't you believe in me ?

And you have helped me like this
I believe in you
Avatar who symbolizes the strength of life

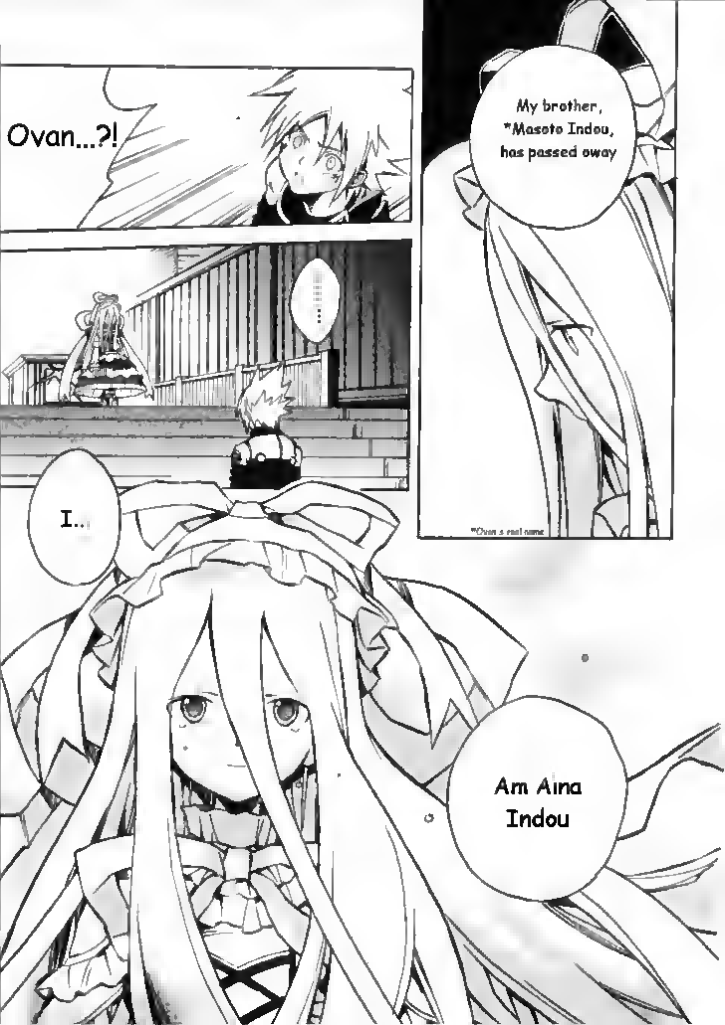
The thing that makes someone grow is not hope but his decisions
Humans are creatures that meat to be seperated
Thoughts are a sword
A human's pity is a matter that is fragile
At such a time like this, don't fool around!
Don't talk so sweetly like that!

So close!
It's so close that she can't be helped!
Think how many people have you hurt because of your actions!

Suffering....
And sad..


Haaah
There's such a place
Let's enter!
It's a recommended place to hold weddings
Pant

Ovan prays
For Aura to hear him


Ovan...?!
My brother, *Masato Indou, has passed away
*Ovan's real name
I...
Am Aina Indou

It looks like the last ones have returned
.....
Ovan
He didn't even tell me his true situation
So the memory of his sister is real?
But he else didn't lie
It's only difficult to believe him

The story of the abduction of the God from the far lands
Orpheus, from the Yunani mythology, came back to Hades to revive his lover who died
There are two last questions for the story
In a foreign country,
There's a lot of stories about people who have been brought to the parallel world
"Did he come back?"
"Or not?"

I only wanted to save you
Ng
That was how I thought
I believe you
With that, you're going to look at me more
Not Ovan, but me.
That had supported me
For me, it's like black magic

I feel easy
I feel really easy
You scarificed yourself for Ovan...?!
.....!

I feel that with doing that, he will look at me
Why?!
Even though his intention was to save a lot of people
It's still dangerous!
You can get into a coma!
.....!
I.
...
Shino!
Hasae,
You definitely know the answer to that, right?
A person's thoughts are strong

It feels as if we are living in Ovan's story
Hasea
And Shino
.....
That's not true
.....
It's still true
You are definitely not like that
But I ---
Even though it's only for awhile
To be able to be with him again---

I hope the moment we meet again,we are like strangere
I hope we can mave an!
I hope we can always respect each ather
Only for awhile, we can't meet up yet, okay
Eh?
The anewer is you've just efarted

Shino-san,
You too.

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